



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

1 July 2025

Bishop Richard Umbers

The Archdiocese of Sydney has received notice of a civil claim of historical abuse. Auxiliary Bishop Richard Umbers has been identified as the subject of this claim.

Bishop Umbers emphatically denies the allegation.

In accordance with its obligations, the Archdiocese has notified the relevant authorities of the complaint. The NSW Police have confirmed there is no active investigation at this time.

In conformity with the Archdiocesan protocol for managing safeguarding complaints and relevant legislation, Bishop Umbers has agreed to stand aside from public ministry while this allegation is investigated.

Very Rev. Samuel Lynch
Vicar-General